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Dear Participant,

The San Juan National Forest is seeking input regarding a proposal to reauthorize term grazing permits and modify grazing management on all or portions of four allotments: Spring Creek, Turkey Creek, Jersey Jim and Gold Run. The project area lies north of the town of Mancos, Colorado in Montezuma County.

Comments received during scoping are used to identify specific related issues, to formulate project design, and to identify alternative approaches, if appropriate. A more detailed project description appears in the Scoping Package available on the project webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53215> or a copy may be picked up at the front desk of the Dolores Public Lands Office between 8am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. To request a copy of the scoping package via mail please contact 970-882-7296.

The purpose of the project is to authorize livestock grazing on all or portions of the project area while moving resource conditions from existing toward desired healthy resource conditions. The proposal includes adjustments to livestock numbers and distribution. Management actions specific to each allotment are described and adaptive management actions are included for implementation should proposed actions not achieve desired results. For the Gold Run Allotment, the proposal would change the type of livestock from sheep to cattle.

The scoping period for this project also accommodates the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 35 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. In order to establish eligibility under Forest Service 218 objection regulations, specific written comments regarding the proposal must be submitted during this or any other designated public comment period. The 30-day scoping comment period for this proposed action will begin on April 3rd and end on May 3rd. Comments should include: 1) your name and postal address, 2) the project title (Mancos Rangeland Management), and 3) signature or other verification of identity upon request (36 CFR 218.25(a)(3)). Comments received are part of the public record.

At this time, the Forest Service plans to document and disclose the environmental effects of this proposed action in an Environmental Assessment, which will be available for public comment later this year. For more information, please contact Corey Ertl, Rangeland Management Specialist, at 970-882-7296 or certl@fs.fed.us. Alternatively, you may contact Deborah Kill, NEPA coordinator, at 970-882-6822 or dkill@fs.fed.us

Sincerely,

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